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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Slagel Dean</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O ESPERANTE BV,</u> <u>SIRIUSDREEF 22</u> (Street) <u>HOOFDDORP P7</u> <u>2132 WT</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Cara Therapeutics, Inc. [CARA]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>12/31/2015</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	12/31/2015		s ⁽¹⁾		12,776	D	\$17 ⁽²⁾	1,345,562	I	By Esperante BV ⁽³⁾
Common Stock	01/05/2016		s ⁽¹⁾		31,224	D	\$17.01 ⁽⁴⁾	1,314,338	I	By Esperante BV ⁽³⁾

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					

Explanation of Responses:

- These sales were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by Esperante BV on December 17, 2015 (See Footnote 3 herein).
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$17.00 - \$17.08, inclusive. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide to the Issuer, any security holder of the Issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in footnote (2) to this Form 4.
- These shares are owned by Esperante BV. The Reporting Person is a director of the Issuer and the Managing Director of Esperante BV and, as such, holds voting and/or dispositive power of the shares held by Esperante BV. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$17.00 - \$17.14, inclusive. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide to the Issuer, any security holder of the Issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in footnote (4) to this Form 4.

Remarks:

/s/Darren DeStefano, Attorney- 01/05/2016
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** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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